

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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Examiner: Mummert, Stephanie K.

For: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION ASSAY AND ARRANGEMENT THEREFOR

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22314

February 11, 2011

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 12, 2010, a Petition for a one month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 18, 19 and 21-30 are pending.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 18, 19 and 21-30 over U.S. published application No. 2004/0229349 to Daridon is traversed. The claimed assay includes retaining biological particles containing an analyte(s) of interest on a filter, followed by removing the biological particles from the filter by a flush flow in a second direction opposite said first direction, and then analyzing biological particles contained in the flush flow by means of a nucleic acid amplification assay. The flush flow is analyzed for the analyte(s) without any purification.